DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request;

April 7, 2022.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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Forest Service

TITLE: Application and Permit for Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads, Trails and Areas

Restricted by Regulation or Order

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0596-0016

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Authority for permits for use of National Forest System (NFS)

roads, trails, and areas on NFS lands restricted by order or regulation drives from the National

Forest Roads and Trails Act (16 U.S.C. 532-538). This statute authorizes the Secretary of

Agriculture to promulgate regulations regarding use of NFS roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS

lands; established procedures for sharing investments in NFS roads; and require commercial

users to perform road maintenance commensurate with their use of NFS roads. Forest Service

regulations implementing this authority are found in 36 CFR 212.5, 212.9, 212.51, 261.10,

261.12, 261.13, 261.54, and 261.55.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The information is collected from individuals,

corporations, or organizations who want to use a NFS Road, Trail or Area for purposes that are

restricted. The agency issues Road Use Permits for a variety of reasons: to allow people to use a

road, trail or area that is otherwise closed; to allow people to perform maintenance on a road

when they desire a higher standard than the Forest Service does; to allow people to plow snow

on a road; for non-federal commercial use of a road; or to allow over size or over weight

vehicles. For non-federal commercial use permits, the land owner generally obtains the permit,

but will employ a timber/trucking company to haul the material. Without the information FS

would not be able to issue permits for moving oversize vehicles on FNS roads, permits to enter

areas subject to areas for closures, or permits for motorized use of roads, trails, or areas not

designated for such use on a motor vehicle use map.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households;

State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 1,100

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 275

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